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(PRES. BY WSOM E-41)	NATIONAL WEATHER SERVIC	E NWSC	O San Angelo, Tx	
MONTHLY R	REPORT OF RIVER AND FLOOD CONDITIONS	REPORT FOR: MONTH March	YEAR 1998	
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When no flooding occurs, include miscellaneous river conditions, such as significant rises, record low stages, ice conditions, snow cover, droughts, and hydrologic products issued (WSOM E-41).

[X] No flood stages were reached in this HSA for the month above.

Although no flood stages were reached in the San Angelo HSA in April, a storm system on the 15th through 16th caused several streams and rivers to rise to bankfull levels. An upper level low tracked across West Central Texas during the evening of the 15th as a dryline pushed eastward across the area. Deep moisture and moderate instability resulted in numerous thunderstorms with heavy rainfall across the eastern half of the HSA. The San Angelo doppler radar estimated rainfall amounts of 3 to 4 inches across Coleman, McCulloch, Menard, Schleicher and Sutton Counties. The heavy rain produced rises on the San Saba River, Colorado River, Pecan Bayou, and Jim Ned Creek. Lake Brownwood received a lot of water from Jim Ned Creek and the Pecan Bayou and rose to nearly 2 feet above the spillway. The Pecan Bayou at Mullin crested around 17 feet, which was 3 feet below bankfull. The San Saba River at San Saba also rose quickly to within a couple feet of the flood stage of 24 feet. Several low water crossings were closed across Coleman, McCulloch, San Saba and Brown counties, but no damage was reported.

For the month of March, San Angelo received 1.85 inches of rain, which is 0.94 inches above normal. This puts San Angelo above normal for the year, with 3.08 inches (0.30 above normal). Abilene received 3.19 inches of rainfall in April, which is 1.83 inches above normal. Abilene is also above normal for the year so far with 5.04 inches (1.49 above normal). Despite the widespread rainfall, most area reservoirs remain below conservation levels. Little rain has fallen over the last half of March and the beginning of April, so the threat of flooding remains low.

Cooperative observer rainfall amounts for March include:

Albany	4.13
Brady	3.22
Colorado City	1.05
Haskell	3.09
Junction 4SSW	2.20
Menard	3.98
Ozona 1SSW	2.34
Richland Springs	4.72
Robert Lee	2.14
Sterling City	0.71
Telegraph	2.49